

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**June 16, 2021 1:30 PM**  
**Robbins Island 4 Season Shelter**

Members Present: Jim Anderson, Rand Middleton, Alissa Norsten, Tom Gilbertson

Staff Present: Rob Baumgarn, Rachel Centellas, Curt Hein,  
Ryan Scheffler

Council Members Present: Julie Asmus

Guest: Dave Stuhr, Jim Anderson, Warren Hagen

Jim called the meeting to order and took roll call.

He asked for public comments. Melissa Sorenson and John Christenson from the Willmar Hockey Association were in attendance and voiced some concerns they have had with their Association.

Jim asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes. Alissa seconded. All were in favor. Motion Passed. Minutes approved.

Jim asked to talk about the Indoor Gun Range. Dave Stuhr talked about the importance of the indoor range to the city. He discussed the number of shooters that have used the indoor range in the past 5 years and how much it costs to run and clean the range. He talked about how the options for the range are most likely to either convert to lead free, close the range, move the range, or the option that He would prefer would be to put an age limit on who can enter the City Auditorium.

There was discussion on how the range could be converted to lead free and manage that.

The guests from the gun range discussed more about the importance of the indoor range and they are willing to compromise and work together with the City to find the best solution.

Jim moved to talk about the Invest in Willmar Groundbreaking events. Rob said that Robbins Island Groundbreaking will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM. Open shelter #1 and #2 have already been torn down. The Events and Recreation Center and Recreation Fields Groundbreaking will be June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Swansson Fields Groundbreaking will be July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. The Flags of Honor Groundbreaking was this Last Monday and it went very well. That project is set to start after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and to be done by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jim moved to talk about the July meeting. He asked if we would need to have a July meeting. There Aren't any action items so far for the next meeting and it has been harder to get the board together.

Tom said in the by-laws we need to have a monthly meeting unless we cannot get a quorum.

Tom made a motion to approve having a July meeting, Jim seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Jim went to talk about the Coordinators reports. Julie asked how programs were going with the extreme heat. Kids have been taking plenty of water breaks to try and keep hydrated.

Tom made a motion to approve the Willmar Hockey Association be able to be put on the agenda to talk about their concerns. Rand seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Melissa talked about their concerns they have with the Willmar Hockey Association and Parks and Recreation. She talked about their shooting cage usage, August rent for the ice, how much they typically spend on ice each year, the parking and entrance adjustment that will be in affect with the construction, as well as where they have been doing dryland with this heat. There was further discussion about the WHA's concerns.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim. All were in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.